item-wise breakdown that have been worked out in official projections;

(b) the likely export volumes and export prices for the project projected export items; and

(c) whether Government have conducted any detailed exercise on the domestic price implications of such projected export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The export targets for 1993-94 for agricultural exports are based on past performance and an anticipated rise in exports due to the recent libralisation policy of the Govt. They were finalised after discussions with various Commodity Boards, export Promotion Councils and trade associations. For the year 1993-94, a target of US $ 2255 million has been fixed for the export of agricultural commodities. This is likely to be achieved. No targets have been fixed in volume terms. The strategy of the Government is to allow the export of items of mass consumption in such a manner that it does not compromise our food security.

Bilateral Investment Guarantee Agreements

1274. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign a bilateral investment guarantee agreements with USA, UK, Germany and south Korea in the near future;

(b) if so, the total amount of investment expected from these countries; and

(c) the areas in which the investments are likely to be made by these countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government of India is in the process of devising a model Bilateral Investment Protection Agreement. The issue of entering into a Bilateral Investment Protection Agreement with various countries will be decided thereafter.

(b) and (c) While the signing of BIPT is expected to provide an enabling environment for attracting investment, it will not be possible either to quantify the levels or specify areas of investment by the foreign countries as these would depend on the foreign investors perceptions.

बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों द्वारा औषधियों का आयात

1275. **श्री अजित जोगी** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों ने कुल कितने मूल्य की औषधियों का आयात किया है, और

(ख) क्या बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों द्वारा ये आयात मौजूदा पेटेंटों से संबंधित समझौते के अनुसार दिया जाता है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) :

(क) और (ख) बहु-राष्ट्रीय कंपनियों द्वारा आयात की गई औषधियों के आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

Export of Books

1276. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) nature of books being exported from the country;

(b) quantum of books exported during the last three years, year-wise and the countries importing them;

(c) problems encountered in their export; and